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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes. In pursuance of the policy of decontrol two units of lorries (36 in all) were laid off the road in October 1952 as there was no work for them.

" (*b*) Eighteen lorries of which 7 have already arrived and 11 are on the way."

* 1142-C *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have closed the Civil Supplies Department Unit at Vijayavada;

(*b*) whether the Government have transferred all the movable property or part of it of the same department from Vijayavada to Madras; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to the Civil Supplies transport units. If so, the answer is in the affirmative. In pursuance of the policy of decontrol two units of lorries (36 in all) were laid off the road in October 1952 as there was no work for them.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The two units at Vijayavada were being used in connexion with the intensive procurement scheme in the Andhra districts. As this scheme was given up in view of the revised food policy of the Government which was announced in June 1952 there was no longer any need for these two units and hence they were abolished last year itself. The serviceable spare parts, accessories, etc., of the lorries of these units were transferred to Bobbili where two Civil Supplies Transport Units are still functioning and to Madras for being stored in the Central Stores for use by the Civil Supplies vehicles throughout the State. Some of the lorries were diverted for use in the Mobile Grainshops Scheme and for use in famine relief operations and in supplying drinking water in Guntur district. The remaining lorries and the unserviceable spare parts and accessories were ordered to be transferred to Madras for the following reasons :—

(*a*) to avoid incurring expenditure on the staff required for looking after the lorries and stores;

(*b*) all the remaining lorries either required extensive repairs or were unfit for further use. The lorries which required extensive repairs were ordered to be transferred to Madras for getting them repaired prior to their allotment to other departments requiring them. This was done because there are better workshop facilities in Madras City than

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at Vijayavada. The lorries unfit for further use and the unserviceable spare parts and accessories were transferred to Madras for being auctioned as it was found that auctioning them at Madras will fetch a better price than auctioning them at Vijayavada."

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" May I know on what date this particular unit was disbanded? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In October 1952."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Leader of the House says that the unit was disbanded in October 1952. The complaint is about the recent movement of lorries to the south. After disbanding, did the Government wait for more than six months to move the units? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already explained that there were 36 lorries. They were not necessary for the Civil Supplies work and therefore the unit was disbanded. Some of the lorries were being used for other purposes, such as the Mobile Grainshops Scheme, famine relief work and supply of drinking water in scarcity areas. The remaining 18 lorries either required extensive repairs or were unfit for further use. The question of how to dispose of these 18 lorries is under consideration."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, it was said that the unit was disbanded in October 1952. But all the lorries are being transferred to Madras now. Eleven are still on their way. May I know, Sir, why at this time the lorries are being transferred to Madras? " 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already explained, Sir, that some of them were unfit for any use. They could not be used as lorries as such. The other lorries required extensive repairs. For the purpose of carrying out the repairs, they are being transferred."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, why should not some of these lorries be spared to the Prohibition Department for quick enforcement of Prohibition laws? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question of allotment of these lorries to other departments will arise when the lorries are repaired and when they become serviceable."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the simple question is whether movement of these lorries began after the proposal to divide the articles according to the area in which they exist as per the Andhra State Bill, we want an answer without fencing."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad, Sir, the question has been put in a straightforward manner without

fencing. This will not affect the division of assets and liabilities on the area basis. The entire Civil Supplies Transport Unit is attached to the Civil Supplies State-Trading Scheme. This will not be on the area basis. Different principles will apply here. Therefore, this will not affect the division in any way whatsoever."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, my question was why such a transfer was being effected at this stage Why did they not do it in October 1952 itself? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have explained that in 1952 these lorries could be used for some purpose there, and they are being used even now. As a matter of fact 18 lorries are still being used for other purposes in the same area. But the other 18 lorries could not be used, because they have become unserviceable, and some could not be used at all even after extensive repairs. That is why the movement."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have adopted a similar attitude towards other Civil Supplies Transport Units, or they have transferred only the Vijayavada unit? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as the Bobbili Unit is concerned, there is still work going on, and the unit is maintained there. There is no question of disbanding the unit now. But the two units at Vijayavada were disbanded in October 1952. The lorries were being used for other purposes. As a matter of fact, 18 lorries are still being used for other purposes because, they are serviceable. But others have become unserviceable. Therefore the question has arisen as to how to repair them and how to dispose them of."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Sir, the Finance Minister told us that some of the lorries had been sent to Guntur. Are they on their way to Madras? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are serving the Guntur district."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" Are we to understand that there are not repair facilities in Andhra? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are repair facilities to a certain extent in Vijayavada. But to carry out these extensive repairs, we have got better facilities in Madras."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that some tractors were transferred from Vijayavada to Cuddalore, and that they were transported and delivered to the persons for whom they were allotted not by rail but by lorries? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question about tractors can be put to the Minister in charge of Agriculture. But if the allegation is that these tractors were put in the civil supplies lorries and transported, it is wrong."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, are these vehicles sent to Madras for repairs, transported by rail? If so, is it not more costly than the cost of the repairs, if carried out in Vijayavada itself? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are not being transported by rail."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Will the Government, Sir, give an assurance that after the repairs are carried out, or even now at least, these lorries will be sent back to Vijayavada? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question will arise as soon as the repairs are effected. Then a proper and just decision will be taken regarding their disposal."

Extension of the Grow More Food concessions to the current fasli.

* 1142-D Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Grow More Food concession has been extended to the current fasli or not; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) No.

" (b) The question of extending the Grow More Food concessions to the current fasli, viz., 1363 is under consideration in consultation with the Collectors and the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). Orders will issue in due course."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Sir, how long will the Government take to extend the Grow More Food Scheme to the current fasli? The cultivation season has already commenced."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We are advancing it as far as possible. The reports of certain Collectors have not yet been received. We have reminded them twice or thrice. Very soon the reports will be received."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why the Grow More Food concession has been dropped now? Is it because there is already enough food in the country? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is not dropped. We are considering whether more concessions could be given and whether other changes would be useful."